A Search For Paradise
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Characters:
11- Christian
EH - Atheist
LLE - Agnostic
M - Philosopher and a gunslinger

Scene one: The four are on a beach that Is located In Manila and the sun Is purple.

11 -
The world Is In a state of doom now!

EH -
We can't just stand here, we all have to move.

LLE -
The scientists are calling this a super rare event, others say It's a sign that the day of judgement Is coming.

M -
Everyone has their own minds, we don't know If this Is a threat but we can all agree that It's beautiful.

11 -
If only I had lived a good Christian — a good person then —

M -
Then live like a good person God damn It! You still have time to change a-a-a(blabbering). I'm sorry for my outburst.

11 -
It's fine and you're right. There's actually no need to say sorry.

LLE -
If the sun Is a sign that the world Is actually ending, I want to hear what goals you guys have. I'll start first, I want to have a family with a beautiful woman and have a peaceful and quiet life.

11 -
I want to marry a princess and rule a kingdom.

EH -
Me too. We're basically the same.

M -
To tell you all the truth, every single one of you will achieve that goal.

LLE -
What?

M -
It's true. I am from the future — not exactly but believe me that I have seen the future.

LLE -
What are you talking about?

M -
It's hard to explain — but It's okay because you wouldn't get It anyways but I'll still tell you. When I was born Into this world, I knew everything because I was able to become conscious and aware of everything the moment I became a fetus on mother earth's womb, I worshipped every God you all could think of, I treated every God equally and I was also devoted to every God equally and then I just randomly had the ability to see the future for about two seconds.

LLE -
And what happened In that two seco-

The world suddenly turns black and white.

Scene two: Everything turns black and white and every human on earth except for the four, disappears.

M -
(Fear) I-I wasn't expecting that — this Is It.

11 -
(Confused) What the hell Is happening and why are we the only ones with color!?

EH -
(Shouts) This can't be a dream, It feels too real!

LLE -
(Fear) This Is real. Everything about this Is real an-an-and wha-what are we even gonna do?

11 -
(To M) Help us. If what you said Is true, then help us and do something.

M -
(Stuttering) Oh-oh ye-yes-yes.

LLE -
(Fear) You have to help us!

M's eyes start to roll up to the point his pupils and Iris are nowhere to be seen and everyone Is panicking because they don't know what to do.

M -
(Goes back to normal) Look at the sky!

Everyone looks up and there Is a cloud forming and It reads.

“Don't believe, know!”

Everyone looks down and there Is nothing left except a flatland.

Scene three:

Four people are on a flatland and everything goes gray but some are more gray than the others.

11 -
(On his knees) Jesus, I'm so sorry for being responsible for a man's death. I'm so sorry for not giving my life to you and living and worshipping sin. Have mercy on my sinning soul, my Savior!

LLE -

You killed someone?

11 -
Oh yes-yes. In fact It was my own brother whom I killed. Ou-our — we were living together and the house started bur-burning and I was on the first floor and he was on the second floor. Instead of rushing and sa-saving him, I Instead ran out of the house and never looked back. Oh how I could have saved him — God I'm so sorry!

LLE -
I feel so sorry for you and may he rest In peace.

M -
(Calming) There's a hole In the sky and below that hole Is a floating ladder, that's what I have seen from the future.

EH -
Oh I see that hole!

11 -
Where?

EH -
The comma on the sky.

A hole In a ground starts forming and a tree shoots out of the hole.

11 -
Holy blue!

Before they could Inspect It, the tree gets absorbed from the ground and a small four leaf clover Is formed.

M -
Everyone don't worry — that might be the way we could get out of that hole!

EH -
(Doubt) Oh my God — I refuse to believe that this Is real. We are hallucinating or we might be In a dream and either way, this Is not real!

LLE -
What even Is considered real? The sun turning purple Is real but this-this thing Is not real.

11 -
Both might not be real and that Is the best case scenario. Maybe we just follow M's words and see what happens.

M -
Look, the clover turned Into a mini tree!

Everyone gathers to look at the mini tree. Everyone Is In doubt of If everything Is real or not.

M -

After some time, this might grow and help us escape!

11 -
I just hope this Isn't a Life Is A Dream by Pedro Calderón kind of situation.

LLE -
What happens when we reach that hole In the sky?

M -
I am the only one who knows what will happen.

LLE -
What do you mean by that?

M -
Because — be-because I have seen the other side but have not — forget about It.

11 -
You told us that you have seen a — tell me how your seeing the future type ability works?

M -
It's like having a frame In a video stuck Into your head for all of etern-

The mini tree grows a bit taller.

M -
(Stunned) Look how It's the size of my thigh!

11 -
There's a hand sticking out of the hole!

Everyone looks up and a pistol falls from the sky. It fell from a great height but It had no damage or anything. M Instinctively started running to where the gun fell and his speed Is so fast that It exceeds the human limit.

M -
(Shouts) Everyone — (panting) this will be useful later.

LLE -
(To 11) I didn't see the hand but I saw the gun. Someone Is up there but I'm not sure.

EH -

Me too, I saw the gun but didn't see a hand sticking out of the hole. (To 11) Are you sure that you saw a hand sticking out or — you're just Imagining It because that hole Is so far away that we could have Imagined anything.

11 -
I believe that I saw a hand. (To M) You told us that you are the only one who could see the other side of that hole.

M -
Yes and It's Impossible for you — for humanity to see the other side unless they know what's there.

LLE -
(To M) Tell us the truth and we will know the truth therefore we'd know what's on the other side.

M -
I can't — It'd be like trying to change a person that can't change, It's nature and nature Is always moving forward.

LLE -
(To M) I don't get what you're saying.

M -
(To LLE) I should pat you behind your back and tell you that you shouldn't bother thinking about the things I say, you do or don't know If the things I say are clear but don't worry — you wouldn't even understand It.

EH -
(To M) Is this real?

M -
The hole answers that question and some questions are best left unanswered because It gives us new ways to think.

M starts to meditate and his hand has the peace sign while the right hand has the gun. M made sure that he was far away from the three. Then he closes his eyes.

LLE -
(Shouts)What the hell are you doing!?

The mini tree grows up and now Is at seven feet, towering everyone and It also became thicker. A fire arrow falls from the hole and lands on the tree

LLE -
(Panicking) The tree Is set on flames!

11 -
(Shouts at M) M do something — th-the tree Is on fire!

EH -
(Shouts at M) Alright we all get It! The sky Is telling us to know and we all know someone's Inside the hole, now do something!

M stops meditating and gives the burning tree a finger gun gesture before lightning strikes down the burning tree which causes the tree to grow a thousand times of Its length, even going beyond the skies. The lightning creates a shockwave which causes everyone to get pushed at a great distance. The three were mildly hurt except M who was just standing there.

11 -
(Hurt) Why did you do that!?

EH -
(Grunts) M-m — you sick man!

LLE -
(Growling) What's going on!?

M -
Why are you people calling me? I did nothing.

11 -
(Coughs) Oh don't you lie to us!

EH -
(Shouts) Oh we all know who did It!

LLE -
(Crying) What's going on? Someone please just tell me!

LEE'S tears land from the ground which causes the tree to grow leafs on every part of Its body.

M -
I guess this Is It—

A stone arrow falls from the sky and pierces M on the chest, missing vital parts but It was a great hit. M started coughing up blood and when the three rushed to help him, he accidentally triggered his gun which made everyone scared and climbed on the tree of leaves. M pulls the arrow out of his chest and throws the arrow somewhere far away.

M -
(Angry) The Gods have betrayed me!

LLE -
(Fear) He's gonna kill us!

11 -
(Fear) Hurry and climb faster!

EH -
(Shocked) Make sure to go opposite when he's near!

11 -
What do you mean!?

EH -
If he's on the left, go right — If he's on the right, go left. Crossing paths with him means you're gonna get shot!

M's blood started spilling and one leaf managed to drink It and now the leaves have turned Into roses. After some time, they all realized that this tree Is bigger than It looked and the skies are further than It seems. Everyone Is beginning to grow tired, especially M who was relying on his adrenaline throughout the climbing.

M -
(Shouting like a maniac) Oh-oh — Why are you people running away?

EH -
(Panting) Yo-you — you're gonna kill us!

M -
No-no — what made you think I'll do that!?

11 -
You tried to kill us via shooting!

M -

Say you're — you're sorry — I'm not a monster, I would not kill a one of you — It was not even my fault!

LLE -
I smell a stinky lie on that!

M -
Whatever you think I am — I am!

M starts to climb faster than any human could which made everyone terrified.

LLE -
Oh lord — How long have we been doing this!?

11 -
Just keep on moving!

M pulls out his gun and shoots EH on the left foot. LLE and 11 catches EH before things go down.

EH -
(Grunting and Shouting) Wh-why you do that!?

M -
I-i don't know — oh why I know!

EH -
Why's that!?

M -
I need to kill all of you because — because — you all don't know!

11 -
What do you mean by don't know?

M -
Oh why question? It's Impossible for us — us!

EH -
(Angry) What Impossible?

M -
(Shouting) For us to escape because fools like you don't know anything: the other side of the hole, the future — the paradise!

EH -
Wha-what paradise? We don't know anything because you're not telling us!

M -
Should I tell you all again that It's Impossible for you all to know — I hate repeating myself!

11 -
You're gonna kill us because It's Impossible for us to escape? What nonsense are you spitting!

M -
You're all gonna suffer — just let me kill you three and the gates of paradise will open In front of you all!

In just a second, the gray sun has now turned Into gray moon which made everything dark and pure black.

11 -
(Scared) No — no, no, no!

EH -
(Brave) I-I don't believe that!

LLE -
How do you know that the gates of paradise will open In front of — of us If you kill us? I don't believe you!

M -
(Enraged) Because you people are — you all don't know anything so just let me kill the three of you before you learn the truth!

LLE -
I knew It! You want to kill us not because you want us to go to heaven but rather keep us out from the truth!

M -
(Laughing) Yo-you all don't know anything about anything at all. You're all making the Impossible become even harder!

M finally gets too close to the three but keeps on climbing.

LLE -

(Confused) What the?

11 -
(Shocked) He's doing something — I'll carry EH and you go below me.

Ten minutes It took for the three to even get close to the hole, M on the other hand has just entered the hole.

M -
(Confused) What the?

In front of M Is a door and when he looks up, there Is still a hole and what M Is standing on Is not the other side but rather an Invisible land that those who go above the clouds can only see. M opens the door and a bright light greets him before he gets pushed Inside the bright room.

Scene four:

A bright, endless room.

M -
(Scared) Hello?

M starts wandering the bright room and It seems like It goes endlessly despite looking so small. M Is all alone and scared with no one. A human sized egg then appears out of nowhere and two brick walls also appear out of nowhere, the first brick wall Is ten Inch tall and ten Inch away from the second brick wall. The Human sized egg then sits on the second brick wall to get a view from the other side of the first brick wall.

M -
Humpty Dumpty — Is that you?

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
Before Humpty Dumpty cracked, he wanted to see the other side of the wall and so he tried to sit on the first wall to get a better view but he then lost his balance and fell to his death. M Is curious to know what the other side of the wall Is and so he climbs the first brick wall and the other side of the brick wall shows a big castle a mile away . M blinks and the bright room has now turned Into a random place In the medieval age of England. The three finally went above the clouds and they were surprised at what they were standing on. It took M five minutes to get close to the castle and when he tried to enter, a sign fell from the top of his head and It reads. “Save and thou shall enter paradise!” M now has only one goal In mind and so he sprints back to where Humpty Dumpty had died.

LLE -
That's Humpty Dumpty!

11 -
M Is so Insane that he's willing to kill anyone!

EH -
(Disgusted) What a sick bastard — the way he killed him too.

11 -
The English sky also has a hole too. I just hope that Is the other side.

EH -
(Scared) I gotta be honest — my feet can no longer work — It's dying and there's nothing we can do unless a miracle happens.

LLE -
You're gonna die If we don't do something. I think there are countless hospitals In a capital city.

EH -
(Breathing heavily) These hospitals are — they will not work!

EH collapses on the ground with open eyes.

11 -
(Shouting) This Is just a dream. It's just a dream!

EH -
(To 11) You'll say the opposite If you were on my feet.

An arrow falls close to EH's neck. Then a second one falls on top of a house. Then a third one, then a fourth one — the three had a feeling that something catastrophic would happen and so they rushed Inside a house. The two put EH on a bed and the sound of a thousand raining arrows are falling from the sky. One arrow manages to fall so hard that It goes Inside the house, close to EH's bed. Lighting then falls on the chimney which starts a fire.

LLE -
(Shivered) We have to leave!

EH -
(Weak) No-no — no need to, It's just a chimney.

11 -
(Shouts) M will find us!

EH -
Then — I think he won't because he's not Immune to — to an arrow.

LLE -
(To EH) You forgot that a strong tornado like wind didn't move him or an arrow on the chest didn't kill him — he's also got magical powers.

EH -
(Frustrated) Whatever — I can't believe that he's the reason why I'm gonna (cough) d-di-die!

LLE -
(Panicking) You won't die. It's just a bullet wound on a fo-

EH -
(Shouts) You two always tell me that everything's gonna be good — you all don't know what's happening. I'm gonna (cough) die and I hate It.

11 and LLE starts praying while the rain of arrows grows stronger. EH's nose started dripping blood and he hides It by covering his nose.

EH -
(To 11) Ho-how do I convert to Christianity?

11 -
You — accept Jesus Christ as your lord and Savior who died on the cross for our sins.

EH -
Will I go to hell If someone keeps the truth away from me?

11 -
(Contemplating) No.

EH -
(Whispering to himself) I — I accept Jesus as my (cough) lord and Savior.

EH wipes the blood out of his nose and uses his bloody hand to grab the arrow next to him and he stabs himself on the neck. EH dies with a bloody smile on his face and the two are trying to communicate with him but It was already too late. The two didn't cry but rather just felt some random wave of sadness.

11 -
(Cold) This Is just a dream. Tell me what happened before the purple sun ‘woke’ you up.

LLE -
(Cold) I was just drinking alcohol then the people's scream sent me to this dream. It's like the opposite of being shouted at just so you could wake up. How about you?

11 -
Same thing happened to me. Now we all know this Is just a dream. Wanna know something crazy?

LLE -
What Is It?

11 -
I always spread Christianity In my dreams — to practice and also because I feel like I'm gonna be wrong and someone would go to hell because of me — or they would be In heaven because of — me. Tell me, Is It better to tell a lie by speaking because you believed or tell the truth by silence because you know — because that — I don't know.

LLE -
I don't know either. Frankly I don't get the question either.

11 -
It's fine. Are you bored? The rain Is slowly getting weaker.

LLE -
What do you mean by ‘are you bored’?

11 -
There's nothing to do — EH Is dead and things are pretty much going downhill because we're the only two here and I feel like we have to end It.

LLE -
If that's so. Well I guess It's nice seeing you.

The rain of arrows has stopped and M goes outside to take a look If there's something new and there It Is, the chimney. M once again sprinted faster than a peak human could ever do.

LLE -

(Terrified) Oh what's that!?

11 -
(Shivering) The arrow Is moving up!

The arrow from EH's hand starts to slowly levitate and It even held EH's body for about a second before It slipped. 11 and LLE checked to see outside and all the arrows were levitating slowly and from the clouds, there formed a silhouette of a giant, muscular, and long beard man with a bow.

11 -
(Panicking) Grab one!

LLE -
(Scared) I have a fear of heights!

The two are ascending very slowly while M Is still running.

11 -
You don't have the fear of heights, you fear the falling and you also don't fear the falling but how you land — and even with that — you will fear .

LLE -
Say what you want until you realize how far we are from the clouds!

11 -
(Laughing) We're not too far — at least that's what I believe.

The arrows started ascending faster which made the two cry out horrifying screams. M Is looking at them and he knows that the arrows will reach beyond the England sky and so he enters the house where the three hid and then he uses EH's corpse to fuel the chimney, he then goes Inside the chimney and rides the smoke like he's riding a seahorse underwater. A few minutes later: the two are thirty thousand feet above the ground while M Is struggling as he flies at ten thousand feet above the ground.

11 -
I wonder where M Is.

LLE -
I bet that he's still on the soil, searching for us.

11 -
If you look down, what would happen?

LLE -
I'd probably vomit and wake up.

11 -
But how would you wake up If you're the one living In my dream?

LLE -
What? I thought the same thing about you. Oh well.

11 -
I gotta be honest — If I wake up, I'd probably forget everything that happened.

LLE -
Well since I'm a writer, this dream Is so good that It's worth writing a book about It.

11 -
Same plot and structure but different names?

LLE -
Kinda like that and yeah — oh I just realized something.

11 -
What?

LLE -
What If everything about this Is actually real and we're just so Ignorant that we refused to acknowledge this — things as real — forget about It. I have work tomorrow and now I must wake up and also probably forget everything that happened In this beautiful dream.

11 -
I also have work tomorrow but I want to see how this story goes but since It's your time now, I guess what actually exists In the real world will grant more than a fake dream. Goodbyes?

LLE -
(Scared) Bid farewell to you and rest somewhere EH. It's time to go — now I am awake.

A long pause happens and LLE Is contemplating.

11 -
Become awake now and open your eyes!

LLE releases his hand from the arrow that he has been holding on and falls. After some time, M sees LLE's falling body and so he shoots LLE In the head mid air and he dies.

M -
Heaven just gained another angel — heaven awake!

EH's corpse has now turned Into ashes and the smoke that M has been riding on now turns Into ashes which Increases Its speed. M pulls out a megaphone.

M -
11 I know that you can hear me but I can't hear you — we're basically Isolated now. I can't hear you and you don't want to hear me — I just think that means something because — never mind — we're alone now and I have been more alone than ever and It's worth It because I have sent the two of your friends to the beautiful place that Is located In paradise. To tell you the truth, there Is something In you — I am Interested and fascinated by what you're doing or basically who you are. You're the only thing that I have and so I must send you to paradise so that — so that you can — frankly I don't even know what the paradise looks like and I'm not Interested nor even allowed to see paradise because — I can't. I heard many great things that exist In heaven but I was never allowed to Imagine It because I can't and It's Impossible like everything. Just let me kill you and send you to the paradise so that you can finally — I just realized that It's Impossible for you to learn — anything at all.

In a blink of an eye, the two are teleported In someone's backyard that has a dead landlord Inside of It.

Scene five:

The backyard of someone's house and It's filled with tall grass but not too tall enough to go above someone's thigh.

11 -
(Confused at the absolute core) What?

M -
(Confused and sick) Thi-this Is — what Is this?

11 -
Look!

11 trips at a pill bottle and M laughs at him. 11 points at the house's pure black window with a ladder sticking out.

M -
There's no hole In the sky or whatsoever.

11 -
That must lead to paradise.

M -
Do you think so?

11 -
(Contemplating) No but It's probably one of the steps.

M's eyes start to roll up again but something gets Into his eyes.

11 -
(To himself) I should probably take his gun but this Is all a dream and I'm just gonna wake up later and I'm also Interested In what will happen next.

M draws his gun and before he could point It at 11, It slipped out of his gun and 11 just stood there.

M -
(Frustrated) Get Into your knees and pray to God!

11 -
(Scared) What!?

M -
You listen to me and you listen hard. You pray to your God — I don't know nor care about what your religion Is and so you will repent for all your sins. You can no longer run away and now you must confess to your God with your eyes closed and you will see!

11 follows M's orders because he wants to know what will happen next.

M -
Talk and you do It louder!

11 -
(Shaking) My dear God —

M -
(Shouting) You're afraid of me but not God — you're lucky I'm giving you the chance to repent for all the sins you've committed!

11 -
I'm scared because I don't know who you are!

M -
So does God but you're not afraid of him!

11 -
Tell me, Is this a dream or a sign?

M -
Answer me, Is this a story or a message!?

11 -
I don't know!

M -
Just do what I say!

11 -
Tell me who you are and I'll stop being scared!

M -
My name's M and It won't matter — I'm not a messenger nor the messiah because I'm sending people to paradise — I'm making — doing things to send myself to paradise. I'm always moving and If I don't move, I don't know what's gonna happen but I'll make sure I will never know. My words are my promises and my doings are unjustifiable — to — to humanity who have not seen paradise — I can't describe paradise to anyone who has seen or haven't seen It because It's Impossible to do so and It was made sure that It's more beautiful than one could ever describe or Imagine — that's why humanity created the word heaven or paradise because one man has not said the word elysium. I didn't answer your question and I made sure you would not understand my answer because In truth — I don't know what I am and so I just exist — stories have messages but I don't, everything has a symbol and I don't — my own creator who had to give himself hands just so that he can make me beautiful, didn't even paint me with — brush. I am just someone who's God's friend not — servant but I also have thoughts that maybe a demon Is controlling me and so I do stuff that separates me from my only friend — either you or God because I'm pretty good at sending people to heaven and you three are the longest by far. To tell you the truth, I can lie on many things but God and even with that truth, I'm maybe lying.

11 -
So many words spoken, so many little said, so many breads broken, so many things that move don't even have motion. I said so many many yet Said little.

M -
You don't understand —

11 -
You also don't understand.

M -
How can I be understood when you can't even understand that you can't understand because again It's Impossible.

A snake jumps out of the tall grass which scared the living hell out of the two.

M's eyes start to roll again and 11 climbs the ladder but does not enter.

M -
The snake Is a message and It's saying. “One man can only enter paradise If one deserves so but one man can't ente- enter paradise If he knows he will enter or not.”(Grunting)

11 -
(Shouts) Even In my dreams — my dreams I become good but when I'm awake, I'm not!

M -
Tha- that thing Is paradise. Behind you Is paradise and you must enter paradise and leave me here!

11 -
(Contemplating) Is that a lie?

M -
(Grunting) It-It's not a lie, believe me and see!

11 -
(Calm) I'm not going — but you will because you deserve to be In paradise and I don't.

M -
Ea-easy for you to say bu-but y-you're not God!

11 -
And so are you.

M gets closer and holds 11 by the leg while 11 clenches his palm at the ladder.

M -
(Repeating three times) Enter heaven and see God!

11 -
Jesus will — Jesus will — he will — It's up to God If he will forgive you because I don't know him and there's no greater blasphemy than — It's not like that — no sinner should tell God what sin Is.

M -
(Breathing heavily) Do you believe In Jesus — Jesus our lord and Savior?

11 -
No — no I don't. Becau-

M shoots 11 at the head. 11 dies. M shoots the snake that Is biting him and misses and so he just pulls the snake out of his thigh and throws It at the window. Then lighting was striked a second later. M realizes that the snake was not actually biting him but rather that he's getting weak due to the Infected wound at his chest.

M -
(To himself) He-he — 11 wanted to say he knows Jesus Is his lord and savior but I doubt that because I know he will never understand me and I don't know who he Is. What a beautiful ‘dream’ he had and only when he died — he finally was awake. I guess It's time for me to meet God again.

M started climbing the ladder and the moment he got Inside the window, nothing happened — absolutely nothing happened and when he looked back, what was there, was still there.

M -
(To himself) This bullet Is just for me — I can't kill myself yet — there are too many souls wandering around the wo- wait — oh In the name of God, I am the reason why half of humanity will be dead souls — God, my truth and my creator — humanity will go to hell because of me — of me! I was the messiah after Jesus and I will die for everyone's sins! Christian, Atheist, Agnostic, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist or whatever everyone believes In, they will all go to heaven after I die because I refused to help them! Everyone and after my death will all go to heaven! My God, my Lord, my Father, my Savior, my Creator, my Friend, I call upon your name to tell you that

these people don't know anything and — forgive them for they don't know anything my lord.

M puts his gun In his mouth and becomes his own savior.

The end